



Harmony Land Exchange – DNR #86-090884

PROPOSED LAND EXCHANGE BETWEEN WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND JORGENSEN TIMBER, LLC

Objective

DNR proposes to reposition several parcels of State trust land in southwest Washington in Lewis and Thurston counties through a land exchange with Jorgensen Timber, LLC. The objectives of the proposed **Harmony Land Exchange #86-090884** are to consolidate State trust lands to create sustainable forest landscapes, enhance trust road access, improve natural resource land management efficiencies, enhance the marketing of forest products from trust lands, and provide for wildlife habitat consistent with DNR's trust lands *Habitat Conservation Plan*. DNR will trade up to 750 acres of trust land and receive up to 817 acres of Jorgensen Timber, LLC property.

Benefits

The exchange will:

- Consolidate State trust lands in Lewis and Thurston counties into more manageable locations which will increase the operational efficiency of these properties.
- Enhance forest biodiversity by consolidating forestlands that will be managed under DNR's 1997 *Habitat Conservation Plan* and the *Policy for Sustainable Forests*.
- Enhance the sustainability of working forest landscapes to provide for future generations.
- Reduce the number of isolated trust parcels that are less efficient for long-term State trust management.

This proposed exchange involves two state trusts: Common School Trust (builds K-12 public schools statewide) and State Forest Land Trust (supports county services in Lewis County). All exchange lands are located in Lewis and Thurston counties.

Jorgensen Timber, LLC Properties

- The majority of the 817 +/- acres of Jorgensen Timber, LLC property in the exchange are forestlands that have been managed as private timberland.
- Much of the Jorgensen Timber, LLC property is located adjacent to State trust lands.
- The acreage of Jorgensen Timber, LLC property by county is:
Lewis County – 697 acres; Thurston County – 120 acres.

State Trust Properties

- The State trust lands in the exchange are mostly forestland.
- Some of the State trust lands are located adjacent to or near Jorgensen Timber, LLC property in Lewis County.
- Trust lands are held and managed by the Department of Natural Resources to generate revenue for current and future trust beneficiaries, as mandated by both the Federal Enabling Act and the State Constitution. Where possible, DNR manages for multiple benefits such as recreation and protecting habitat and water quality.
- All of the State trust lands are located in Lewis County – 750 acres.

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Public Information and Outreach

DNR will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony about the proposed exchange at:

6 p.m.
March 18, 2014
Centralia College
600 Centralia College Blvd
Washington Hall (WAH) – Room 103
Centralia, WA 98531

Written hearing testimony may be submitted but it must be received by DNR no later than 4:30 p.m., April 2, 2014. Please mail written comments to DNR, Harmony Land Exchange, Attn: Bob Winslow, PO Box 47014, Olympia, WA 98504-7014 or email Exchanges@dnr.wa.gov.

Following the evaluation of hearing testimony and parcel appraisal work, DNR and Jorgensen Timber, LLC will finalize an exchange proposal to present to the Board of Natural Resources for a final decisions at one of its scheduled monthly meetings. Board meetings also provide opportunities for public comment.

The DNR website (www.dnr.wa.gov) will be updated as new information becomes available. The specific web address where this information is posted is: <http://1.usa.gov/gV4ajy>

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Additional information is available on our website: www.dnr.wa.gov
(Look for the 'Business and Permits' heading and click on 'Leasing and Land Transactions'.)

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